



Welcome Aboard!

"Victory through Intelligence"



Welcome to 3d Intelligence Battalion! You are joining a team of dedicated professionals who are supporting III Marine Expeditionary Force (MEF) with real world intelligence every day. Being stationed in Okinawa is an experience of a lifetime, and you will find your tour here both professionally and personally rewarding.

You are a member of the only forward deployed intelligence battalion in the Marine Corps. Your professional opportunities here are unlimited. My role as your commanding officer is to ensure you are ready to "Fight Now." Ever since 1999, when the battalion was activated, we have aimed our capabilities toward every conflict, humanitarian response, and security cooperation missions in the INDOPACOM AOR. We are America's vanguard against the Pacing Threat, and we are the stand-in force that deters and responds to any crisis within the First Island Chain. It is only a matter of time before we will again be called upon to direct our capabilities towards a conflict, humanitarian or direct response mission. You will be a part of this critical effort.

While here on Okinawa, I encourage you to expand your horizons culturally and see all the area has to offer. This island was the site of one of the largest battles of World War II and is rich in military history. There are many things to see and do. While you are here you represent not only yourself but also 3d Intelligence Battalion, the Marine Corps, and your Country. Keep your honor clean in all that you do; remember, I need you to maintain your readiness so that we are always ready to "Fight Now."

As we continue to adapt to COVID-19, I ask you to remember that our collective commitment and resolve to doing what is right protects the force and our families. All personnel will strictly adhere to the most up to date III MEF guidance which outlines COVID-19 restrictions and preventative measures. Your flexibility and support is essential in ensuring mission readiness and high morale during this dynamic time.

I want to make your transition to this wonderful island as smooth as possible. I have attached a packet of information that should answer many of your questions. Please use your assigned sponsor to ask any and all questions that you may have.

Again, welcome to 3d Intelligence Battalion. I look forward to meeting you and serving alongside you. Together, we will fulfill our sacred oath to support and defend our great nation.

Semper Fidelis,

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